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Photoshop Elements > Retouching > Whiten Teeth

You can easily play dentist and whiten a person's teeth.



Be sure to check off as you go along.



Preparation

- 1) Preserve your original file.

If you haven't already done so, go to [Preserve Your Original File](#).

- 2) Create a Background copy layer.

If you haven't already done so, go to [Create a Background Copy Layer](#).

- 3) Enlarge the teeth with the Zoom tool.

Teeth Whitening

- 1) Select the Quick Selection tool.
- 2) Select an appropriate brush size.
- 3) Click, hold, and drag on the teeth.

Make sure the brush doesn't touch the gums.

- 4) If the selection is too large, make sure the Add to selection icon is selected in [options bar/Tool Options](#).

Press and hold the Alt key to change the brush to a minus brush.

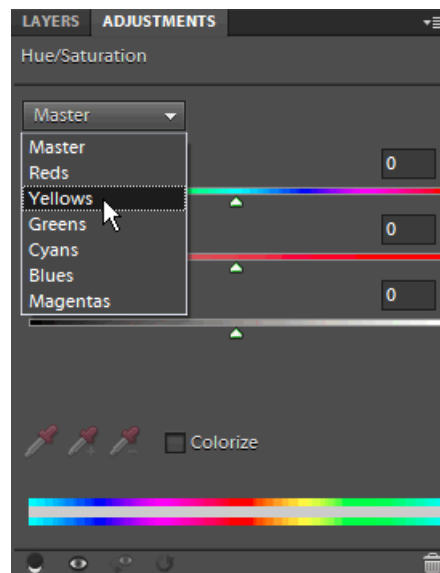
Place the brush outside the selection, click, hold, and drag to make the selection smaller.



- 5) Be sure to save the selection if you may need to return to do more work.

If you haven't already done so, go to [Save the Selection](#).

- 6) Create a Hue/Saturation adjustment layer.
- 7) In the Hue/Saturation window, change Master to Yellows.



- 8) Decrease the saturation, the middle slider in the Hue/Saturation window.
- 7) Check to make sure the teeth are not being overly whitened.

Fine Tuning

- 8) If needed, you can increase the Lightness slider in the Hue/Saturation window to whiten the teeth further.
- 9) You can use the Sponge tool to desaturate any remaining areas of the teeth that are still discolored.

Change the Mode to Desaturate in [options bar/Tool Options](#).

Here's the whitened version.



Saving the Photograph

If you haven't already done so, go to [Saving Files](#).

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